Shortage of trained Pilots with the BSF

72. SHRI SOM PAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that BSF is facing a shortage of trained pilots;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total number of aeroplanes and helicopters with the BSF and the category-wise details thereof;

(d) the total requirements of pilots, category-wise as well as the number of pilots available and the number of vacancies of pilots existing in the BSF; and

(e) what is being done to overcome the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (d) As against sanctioned posts of 2 Senior Captains and 21 Pilots/Co-pilots, there are vacancies to the extent of 1 Senior Captain and 14 pilots. There are also 4 posts of pilots for helicopters but these are not being filled up by BSF as the helicopters are being manned-flown by M/s. Pawan Hans.

(c) The total number of aeroplanes and helicopters in BSF are as under:

(i)	Avro (HS-748)	5
(ii)	Superking/B-200	2
(iii)	Chetak Helicopter	1
(iv)	Cheetah helicopter	1

(e) The posts of pilots, as per requirement, are filled up by taking suitable candidates possessing requisite qualifications, experience, OGCA Licence etc. as per the recruitment rules.

Registration of FIR with Police

73. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is growing tendency amongst the policement not to register FIRs and generally connive with the accused irrespective of the seriousness of the crime;

(b) whether Government are also aware that FIRs are registered only on the intervention of media, politicians and senior officers of the police establishment; and

(c) if so, what remedial measures Government propose to take to ensure that FIRs are registered by police whenever approached to do so by the citizens?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (c) Complaints regarding FIRs not being lodged are received from time to time. It is, however, essential for the State Governments concerned to take such measures as are necessary to ensure that FIRs are lodged without fear and favour. The Central Government on its part has been stressing upon the State Governments the need to not only ensure prompt registration of FIRs but also the need to bring about an awareness in the general public about the laws/instructions regarding registration of FIRs.

Violation of safety norms by Cinema Houses

74. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a newsitem captioned "Where theatres lack fire safety" as reported in the Tribune dated 19.6.1997;